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Timely Tidbits ...

Lift-a-thon Benefits High School Football

If you haven't yet made your pledge for the Eagles Lift-a-thon (a fund-raiser to benefit Romulus High School's football program), there's still time to do so.

To participate in this event – set for 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, in the High School gymnasium – football players have sought sponsors willing either to make a flat-rate donation or to pay a per-pound rate for the amount of weight that they are able to lift.

To find out more about how you can sponsor an individual player or make a team donation – even after the event is over – mail your check or money order directly to the Football Program (c/o Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174), or contact the Athletic Department at 734-941-2170.

Hot Jazz at the "Nest"

On Saturday, May 15, Romulus High School's cafeteria will be transformed into "The Eagles' Nest" – the hottest jazz club in town.

Performing that evening will be the Romulus Jazz Band, featuring seniors Brad Bowman, William Chapman, Damien Crawford, Mamie Kesner, Nicole McKinney, Quran Muhammad, Rachael Parker, Steven Scibilia, Scott Tieppo, Nancy Wilson, and Sara Weinschenk; juniors Tariptrey Burutolu, Sharice Carter, Lawrence Knight, Dinah Malosh, Sondrene Starr, and James Taylor; and sophomores Talisa Garcia, Jennell Harper, Chaunteya King, and Ryan Martell.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.; dancing will follow. Additional refreshments (not covered in the ticket price) will be offered throughout the evening for a nominal charge.

Tickets (\$12 for adults, \$6.50 for students and seniors, and \$3.50 for children up to age five) will be sold at the door, or they may be purchased in advance by calling 734-941-2170, ext. 501. □

Romulus School District Gets \$215,431 Grant



(From left) Halecreek staffers Gail Perkins and Gretchen Notaro, along with Principal Lynne Mossoian, developed and submitted the grant proposal which netted \$215,431 for a Romulus Community Schools' summer-school literacy program.

The State of Michigan Department of Education has awarded Romulus Community Schools a \$215,431 grant to implement a pilot summer-school lit-

eracy program, according to the district's curriculum director, Thomas Dolan.

"This grant will give us a unique opportunity to promote student literacy by combining the resources of our school district, the Michigan Department of Education, and the University of Michigan [which will monitor students' progress]," Dolan stated.

The grant for the new "Reading Express" program was developed and submitted by Lynne Mossoian, the principal at Halecreek Elementary School, in conjunction with two of her staff members, Gretchen Notaro and Gail Perkins.

Student eligibility for the program will be determined by the district.

"Students in grades kindergarten through three will be selected to take part in Reading Express based on their April report cards," said Mossoian. "Also participating will be a number of pre-school students who will be chosen based on their evaluation at Kindergarten Roundup."

Mossoian went on to explain that the five-week program will begin June 28 and continue through July 30, with classes held every weekday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Halecreek School will serve as the home base for Halecreek, Merriman and Barth students; two other

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"Spring Cleaning" is at the Heart of City-sponsored Events

In the spirit of "spring cleaning," the City of Romulus is sponsoring a number of events designed to make your home – and your home town – a tidier place to live.

Clean Sweep 1999

The first of the three – called "Clean Sweep 1999" – asks residents to take part in a City-wide cleanup set for Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will meet at City Hall (located at 11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard Road) to receive supplies and assignments (all volunteers will be permitted to designate the area in which they would like to work). For more information, or to get involved, please call City Hall (734-942-7571).

City-wide No-fee Yard/Garage Sale

The annual City-wide No-fee Yard/Garage Sale has been set for Thursday, June 3, through Sunday, June 6. (If two or more days of the sale are rained out, it will be rescheduled for the following weekend.) Residents who would like to participate may sign up for their no-fee permits at the Romulus Recreation office. (Note: Permits for this sale do not count toward the three-permit-per-year maximum allowed each household by City ordinance.) Permits must be applied for no later than Friday, May 14, in order to give the organizers ample time to compile lists and make maps for distribution to the public. Permits,

maps, etc., will be available for pickup starting May 24. For more information, please call the Romulus Recreation office (734-942-6852).

Free Dumping

Just in time to get rid of whatever you couldn't sell during the Yard/Garage Sale, the City will offer Romulus residents free dumping (no more than two loads per day) at the Department of Public Works building (located at 34100 Goddard Road) from Saturday, June 5, through Saturday, June 12 (excluding Sunday, June 6, when the dump will be closed). Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturdays.

Materials unacceptable for disposal include yard waste, liquid waste such as petroleum and paint products, concrete, and large items such as sheds, boats, and cars or car engines. A maximum of four tires will be accepted, but they must be dumped separately from other debris.

The following rules apply to dump use.

- All users must show proof of residency.
- Dumping area is entered "at your own risk."
- Children are not allowed in the dumpster area; unsupervised children are not allowed on the premises.

For more information, please call the DPW at 942-7579. □

Letter to the Editor

Resident Urges Citizens To Attend Trial

Dear Good People:

A while back, right after the election of Brian Oakley to the 34th District Court, the talented and gracious Rosemary Oztzman, editor for the *Belleville Independent*, wrote about the importance of local judges. She wrote something along the lines of: If we have to go to trial because of a wienie roast, we want a fair and honest person to hear the case.

While I chuckled to myself at the humorous comment, I think that Ms. Oztzman may have spoken better than she knew. She was *far* closer to the truth than most of us realize.

On July 30, 1998, my wife was charged with having an unlicensed yard sale and unkempt premises. Apparently, what Rosemary Oztzman *should* have said was *unlicensed* wienie roast!

The reason for this letter is to inform the local people of the types of things going on in their community and also in the legal system. We have many people who write their local papers, demonstrating great wisdom and insight into not only local problems, but national and world problems as well. They distrust the "experts," fear "Big Brother," know their history, and cherish individual liberty. These are the people whom I want to listen and whose support I need.

As of this letter, our court date is June 11, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. My wife and I are defending ourselves on this one. We've poured hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars into the legal research and have become quite knowledgeable about laws and the legal system. Between both of us, we've read about 500 different cases and have many of the fancy lawyer-type books and such. We're pretty serious people.

Also, we have a civil suit against the two ordinance officers and two police officers who were involved in this incident. They entered clearly posted private property, refused to leave, and we are attempting to fine each one \$5,000 as a land-use fee. As I said, we're pretty serious people.

Many of you have an interest in "how the system works" and are curious about how a real trial functions – one with real people involved, people that you can relate to and sympathize with. If you come to our trial, you'll receive a lot more than this.

Here's just a sampling.

- You'll learn what courts have said about the legality of governmental officials entering your property.
- You'll discover what constitutes "bad faith" in public officials' behavior.

- You'll understand why they only charged my wife in an alleged "household crime" of jointly owned private property allegedly being sold on a jointly owned private residence (it won't create a comforting feeling).
- You'll see how the government tries to punish you for exercising guaranteed rights.
- You'll hear what the courts have already decided – you can't punish people for exercising a constitutional right.
- You'll learn about your absolute right to not only just own property, but to use it and dispose (sell) it!
- You'll learn about capricious prosecution and governmental misconduct.
- You'll be shocked and outraged at what is being used and upheld as "evidence" against us.
- You'll feel proud at watching two high-school graduates defend themselves and thoroughly whip a high-priced attorney and a power-hungry government.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg!

Make no mistake: This "unlicensed wienie roast" is scheduled for an *all-day* trial! It will be almost a *year* from charge to trial! The City of Romulus is sparing no expense to prosecute this "wienie roast." (After all, it's the citizens' money that they're spending!) Why are they so intent pursuing a traditional, home-school mother of five with a possible penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine? Come to the trial and find out!

Remember: A packed courtroom will terrify *them* (because they have so much to hide!) and embolden *us* (because we have so much to share!).

I'm giving my home phone number (734-941-5094) for those who wish to receive or share more information.

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Community Calendar

- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 40 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13. The program will deal with the potential problems posed by the Y2K situation and how Romulus is preparing for them. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can call 734-942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and guests.
- **Fish Dinner** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a Fish Dinner fund-raiser at the church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14. The menu for the evening will feature deep-fried/baked fish and French fries/scalloped potatoes. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children ages five to 11. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **PWP Hosts Mexican Fiesta Dance** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners (PWP) invites you to its Mexican Fiesta Dance, planned for Friday, May 14, at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads). Dancing (to music by DJ: Dance to the Music) will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; preceding the event will be an orientation meeting for prospective members (8 p.m.) and a general-membership meeting (8:30 p.m.). Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. Questions about PWP's membership and activities may be directed to Membership Vice-president George Graff (313-388-8488).
- **Wayne Center Hosts "Fun Run/Walk"** – Wayne Center, a nonprofit agency serving persons with developmental disabilities, will host its third annual "Fun Run/Walk" fund-raiser on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. until noon in the New Center Area of Detroit. Participants can choose to enter any of three race events: a one-mile walk, a one-mile run, and a 3.1-mile run. All proceeds from the event will go directly toward the housing needs of Wayne Center's developmentally disabled clients. (Direct donations for this cause are welcome, too.) For further information, please call the Wayne Center at 313-871-2337, ext. 322.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on May 19) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Computer Expo** – The Romulus Civic League and C.C.P. Electronics, Inc., will present a "Computer Expo" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at the Romulus Civic League Building (located at 11495 Wahrman Road, west of Wayne Road and north of Grant Road). Come and see what's new in computer training, modems, monitors, scanners, laptops, hard drives, memory, keyboards, computer accessories, software, cell phones, pagers, and more. Lots of great buys! Donation: \$2 for adults; children get in free. For more information, please call 734-261-2100 (days) or 734-941-4962 / 941-2454 (evenings).
- **RHS Health Occupations Students Host Blood Drive** – Romulus High School's Health Occupations Students, under the direction of instructor Terri Brinston, will host a blood drive at the High School on Friday, May 28. Check for further details in our May 21 issue.
- **Romulus Police Host Charity Golf Outing** – The Romulus Police Officers Association is inviting the public to participate in its first annual Charity Golf Outing, set for Friday, August 6, at the Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at 34777 Smith Road in Romulus). Registration will begin at 7 a.m.; the shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m. A \$65-per-person donation covers 18 holes of golf, cart, shirt, lunch, steak dinner, beer and soft drinks, and door prizes. Other donations of cash, gift certificates (to be used for prizes), and golf equipment are also appreciated. For information, please call either Officer Mike St. Andre or Officer Duane Smith at the Police Department (734-941-8400).

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Edwards Is Capitol Scholar



State Representative Raymond E. Basham (second from left) invited students (from left) Nick Diepenhorst (Taylor Kennedy High School), Novia Edwards (Romulus High School), and Chuck Wiltse (Taylor Truman High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing on Tuesday, March 2, to get a firsthand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.

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RFB Knights / Mites B #2 Finish Outstanding Season



(Left to right) kneeling – Camden Wojtala, Dylan Lemley, Tyler Lovell, and Mikey Solano; center – Sean Murphy, Michael Orlando, Josh Diroff, Melissa Lovell, Spencer Winter (Romulus), Tyler Roe, Nick Stokosa, Tyler Raines, and Timmy Walker; back – Coaches Doug Diroff, Cary Roe, (Head) Wally Wojtala, and Wally Lovell. (Not pictured: Stevie Rhodes.)

Congratulations to the RFB (Romulus/Flat Rock/Brownstown) Knights/Mites B #2, who had an outstanding 1998-99 hockey season. Their 10-1-3 regular-season record landed them in first place in their division (Adray Suburban Champions) and second place overall out of 31 teams. In post-season play, they won all six of their playoff games,

but were defeated by Big Rapids in the championship game on March 20.

The team also played in several tournaments thanks to the help of sponsors. In the Halloween Havoc and Wyandotte tournaments, they were 2-1, and were 2-2 in the Saginaw Friendship Tournament, losing the last game in double overtime, 4-3. □

RHS Senior Lindenmuth Takes Bronze in "Brakes" at VICA Competition



In a special ceremony held at Schoolcraft College on March 15, Romulus High School senior Larry Lindenmuth (pictured here with his mother, Wanda Silvey) was awarded a bronze medal for placing third in the "Brakes" category of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) regional competition.

RHS Sets Prom, Graduation Dates

Romulus High School's Class of 1999 has announced its schedule for prom and graduation events.

- **Prom Toast**
(Wednesday, June 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the RHS atrium),
- **Senior Prom**
(Wednesday, June 9, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn),
- **Senior Luncheon**
(Friday, June 11, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Clarion Inn), and
- **Commencement**
(Saturday, June 12, beginning at 11 a.m. in the RHS fieldhouse).

Admission to graduation will be *by ticket only*. All parents and guests *must* be seated no later than 10:45 a.m. to prevent disruption of the ceremony. A professional photographer will be taking pictures, and a videotape of the ceremony will be available for purchase. □

Schools Receive \$215,431 Grant

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centers – one at Cory Elementary and one at Wick Elementary – will serve students from those schools.

One of the really exciting features of the program, according to Mossoian, is its small student-to-teacher ratio.

"The smaller class sizes – about 10 students for every one teacher – will give the teachers an opportunity to 'zero in' on each student's problems and greatly individualize instruction," she stated.

Other program features will include a family component (in which parents will be encouraged to work with the staff

to reinforce instruction), free lunch, free transportation to and from Reading Express, and a chance to participate in activities at the Romulus Boys & Girls Club each afternoon (from 12 to 6 p.m.) after Reading Express.

"Those who cannot afford the Boys & Girls Club's \$25 annual membership fee can apply for one of the 100 scholarship memberships that our grant will fund," said Mossoian. "There will be free transportation from Reading Express to the Club site at Merriman School, but parents will be responsible for picking up Club participants at the end of the day." □

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County, Newsweek, and WDIV Recognize 10 Local Teachers



Romulus High School English Instructor Serena Fraser (pictured here with Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, director of human resources for Romulus Community Schools) was one of 10 local teachers who were recognized at the "Celebration of Excellence in Education."

Ten teachers from the Romulus Community Schools were recognized at the Wayne County/Newsweek/WDIV "Celebration of Excellence in Education" program, held Tuesday, April 20, at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) annex auditorium.

"We were pleased to have so many of our staff members recognized, and especially proud that three of them were finalists for the Newsweek/WDIV Out-Wayne County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award," stated Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, the district's director of human resources. "This reaffirms the fact that our staff is a highly professional, dedicated group."

Romulus teachers receiving recognition were:

- Terri Brinston, health-occupations

teacher at Romulus High School (School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Elise Cianciola, social worker at Cory Elementary (School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Belinda Dendinos, special-education teacher at Romulus Middle School (School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Serena Fraser, English teacher at Romulus High School (Newsweek/WDIV Out-Wayne County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Finalist Award),

- Charles Kidwell, history teacher at Romulus Middle School (Newsweek/WDIV Out-Wayne County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Finalist Award),

- Cathy Kudra, kindergarten teacher at Halecreek Elementary (Newsweek/WDIV Out-Wayne County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Finalist Award; School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Lisa Mockridge, special-education teacher at Romulus Middle School (School-to-Work Educator Interns Award; School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Betty Santo, life-management teacher at Romulus Middle School (School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award),

- Ginny Smith, first-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary (Detroit Edison Foundation "Energy and the Environment" Mini-Grant Award),

- Antonia Soave, foreign-language teacher at Romulus Middle School (School-to-Work Mini-Grant Award).



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Romulus Schools Play Host to Visitors from Taiwan



Taiwanese master's-degree candidates from Marygrove College (along with their interpreter) enjoyed their visit to Wick Elementary School.

Romulus Community Schools' continuing reputation for excellence in technology led 10 Taiwanese students seeking master's degrees at Detroit's Marygrove College to visit Wick Elementary School and Romulus Middle School on Tuesday, April 20. The visitations were arranged by Linda Cook, the district's technology coordinator.

In their "technology overview" at Romulus Middle School, the Taiwanese students saw demonstrations of various Media Center applications for instruction in subjects like mathematics and social studies, and also got a look at the district's "smart lab" for project-based learning.

At Wick Elementary, Principal Debbie Juriga also gave the students an

overview of Media Center applications as well as a tour of the school's three CAICs (computer-assisted-instruction classrooms).

"There is one CAIC lab for every four classrooms in our school, so our students get to spend one hour there each day," she explained. "Since each CAIC has 35 computers programmed for individual study, teachers can tailor lessons to fit each student's needs, and students can work at their own pace."

At the end of the tour, the Taiwanese interpreter indicated that the students were impressed by what they had seen, and added that, when they return to Taiwan, the students plan to take some of our ideas for integrating technology into the classroom with them. □



Su Suchen Liao of Taiwan listens in during Wick Elementary School student DeVonta Jones' CAIC lesson.

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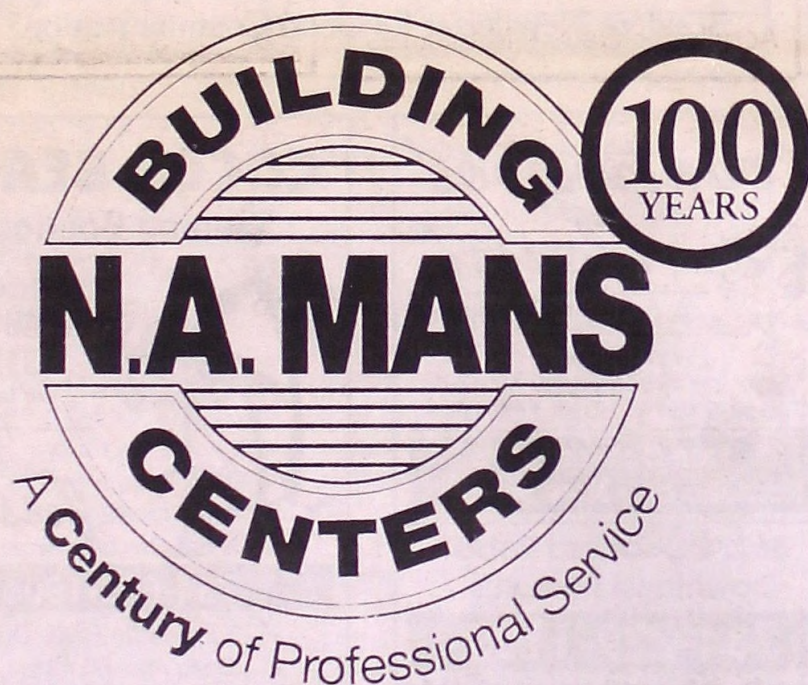
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Students in Romulus Middle School teacher Tom Patterson's science classes celebrated Earth Day by making a game of cleaning up trash on the school grounds.

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Saving Mother Earth Is Child's Play for Science Students

On April 22, 1999, 162 students from Romulus Middle School teacher Tom Patterson's science classes came together to help make the school's third annual Earth Day celebration an enormous success.

"By collecting 75 10-gallon trash bags full of various biodegradable materials for recycling, the students saved Mother Earth 32,250 years," said Patterson, who was referring to the amount of time it would have taken for the materials to decompose through natural processes.

Patterson, who has been teaching his classes about the importance of protecting our environment, decided that Earth Day would be the perfect opportunity to give his lesson a twist that was both practical and fun. He developed his "Saving Mother Earth" game, which pitted teams of three students against each other to see which team could collect and categorize the most trash, then calculate the time it would take to decompose, within a 20-minute period.

Donations of prizes were solicited from musical act "Silent E," Wayne County Community College (WCCC), and University of Michigan (U of M) Health Center.

The top prize of 14 tickets to an MTV Beach Party was donated by "Silent E."

Patterson enlisted the help of students Jenessa Deshazor, Stacey Gilbert, Melissa Smith, and Molly Tuttle to contact a number of elected officials,

business people, and members of the news media and invite them to attend the Earth Day program. Among those who joined the students were Jean Ann Davidson (U of M Health Center), Carole Deshazor (WCCC), Cindy Haidu (Romulus Middle School), Ann Kreutzer (*The Romulus News*), Officer Jeff Lazarski (Romulus Police Department), Bette Lenossi (Romulus Board of Education), Carl Lowe (Romulus High School), Mayor William Oakley (City of Romulus), Yvonne Parson (WCCC), Nancy Pascis (U of M Health Center), Al Post (*The Romulus Roman*), and John Simon (*The News-Herald*).

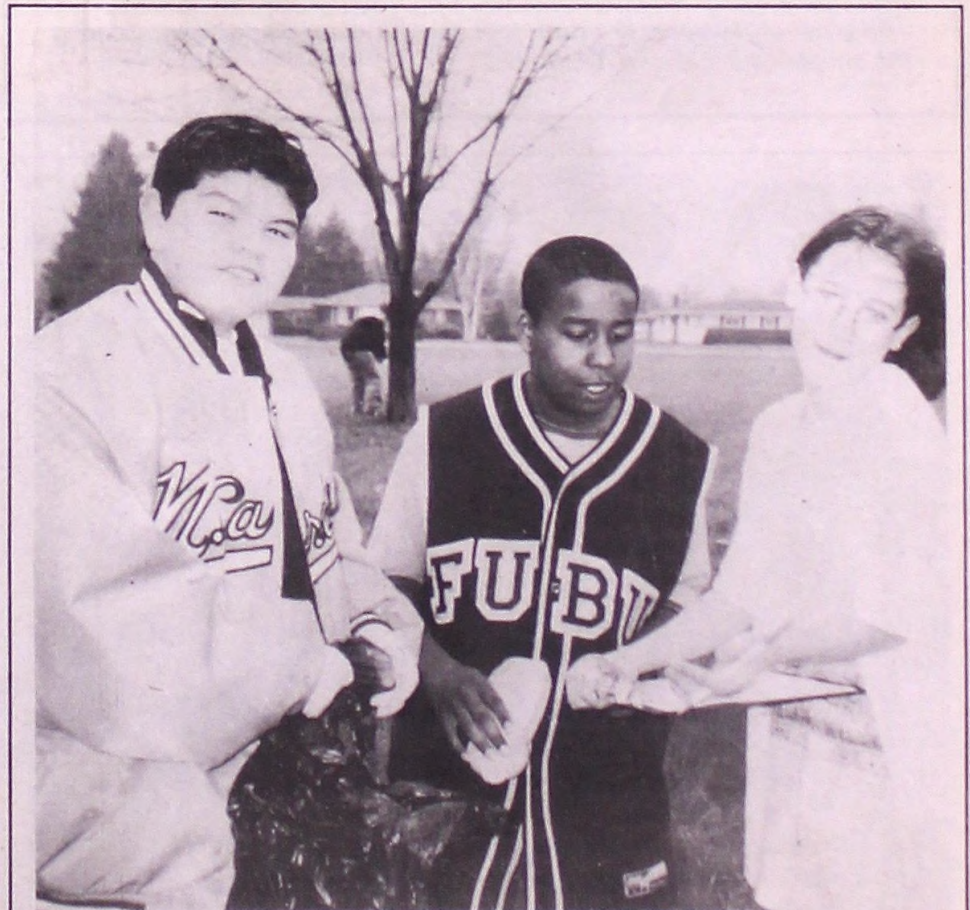
Afterwards, Patterson's young assistants expressed pride in the program that they had helped their teacher put together.

"I really enjoyed Earth Day," said Smith. "I think it was good for the students. They learned about the earth and recycling by playing a game that they all enjoyed."

Added Deshazor, "This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the earth in an interesting and unique fashion. I only wish that more schools and students were so involved in the environment."

Patterson also was pleased with the day's success.

"I think we encouraged every student to help save 'Mother Earth' and know the importance of picking up trash and recycling instead of littering," he stated. □



Christopher Kreutzer (right) keeps track of trash collected by teammates David Reyes (left) and Otis Curry.

RMS Students Send Heartfelt Sympathy to Littleton, Colorado



Under the direction of "Leadership" Instructor Betty Santo, Romulus Middle School student Patrick Webb (right) enlisted the aid of fellow students (from left) Eric Decker, Chris Chesno, and Amanda Brewington to make a giant card to send to the people of Littleton, Colorado.

Enjoy Each Moment

By Amanda Brewington, eighth-grader, Romulus Middle School

We are all set on this earth for a short amount of time. So enjoy each minute of life that you have. Live for today.

Don't fight with friends, for you don't know when they'll be gone. And you don't want them to leave in anger.

If you have fought with a friend, apologize soon.

Stay close to your family and friends, for they are the only links to your past.

If something seems wrong or unusual, don't ignore it. Find out what is wrong and try to heal it.

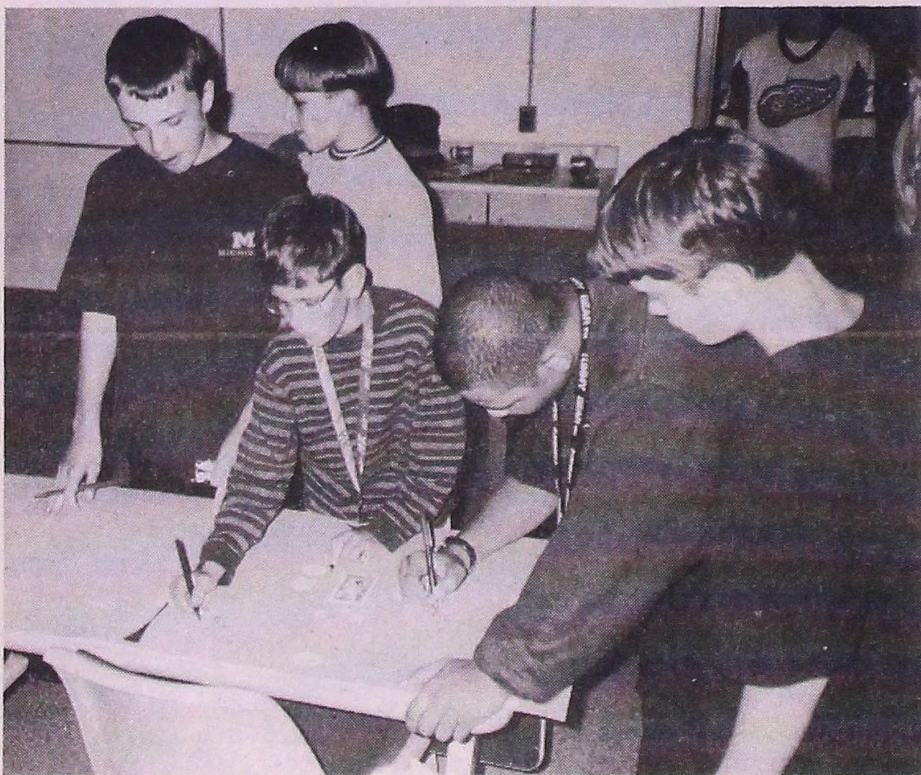
If you see someone fall, help them up, don't kick them when they're down.

Cherish every day you live, for it is a gift and shouldn't be taken for granted.

So I leave you today with a simple message:

We are all set on this earth for a short amount of time. So enjoy each minute of life that you have. Live for today.

This poem is dedicated to all the students who were killed or injured during the shootings in Littleton, Colorado.



Most of the school signed the card during the students' lunch periods.

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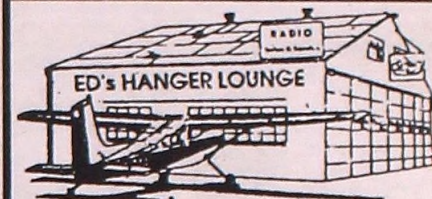
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RHS and RMS Bands, Choirs Perform at District Festivals

Romulus Middle School Bands

For the nineteenth time in 20 years, Romulus Middle School's Symphonic Band received the coveted first-division rating in the Class "B" level of the District Festival, which was held at Airport High School on Saturday, March 13.

Although the group followed strong performances by Redford Pierce and Taylor Hoover, they never lost their concentration, giving a strong performance of their own on the first two parts of their program ("Marches of America" by Schaffer and "Brandon Bay" by Huckaby) and an exceptional effort on their final selection ("Jackson Lake Overture" by Mark Williams). The band received marks of "I," "II," and "I" for a "I" in performance, as well as a "I" in sight-reading, to finish with an overall first-division ranking. Each student will receive a CD of the performance and a "first-division rating" medal.

The Middle School's Concert Band – performing at the Class "D" level – received an overall second-division ranking, earning marks of "II," "II," and "I" in performance and a "III" in sight-reading with their program of "March of the Irish Guard" by Ployhar, "Crystal City" by Edmonson, and "Legend of the Eagles" by Schaffer.

Band Director Richard Kruse was impressed with the large group of parents who supported their children by attending the Festival.

Romulus High School Bands

On Saturday, March 6, Romulus High School's Concert and Symphonic bands performed at the District Festival, held at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School. Band Director Henry James was impressed with the effort that his students made just to get to school and attend the festival, since a major snow storm had hit the area on Friday evening and continued through Saturday morning.

Receiving disappointing marks of "III" from all judges – and therefore an overall third-division ranking – was the Concert Band. Quite a few of the Concert Band members were unable to make it to their scheduled early-morning performance due to the weather, and their absence was strongly felt. Also affecting the band's rating was the fact that, for the past few years, it had competed in the "D" classification at the District Festival, but increased enrollment at the High School this year forced the band into the "C" classification, where the competition is tougher.

The Symphonic Band – competing in Class "A" (instead of Class "B," as it had in the past) – fared better, earning scores of "I," "II," and "II" from the judges for a performance rating of "II," as well as a "II" in sight-reading, for an overall second-division ranking.

James wished to thank his students for their efforts. Festival time is always difficult due to the pressure of expectations and performance goals.

Middle School/High School Choirs

Also performing at recent District Festivals were the Romulus Middle School and High School choirs. Director Judith Thompson-Barthwell was pleased with the efforts of her students, especially since the festivals were more difficult this year.

"Choir festivals are different than band festivals," she explained. "At band festivals, competition classifications are determined by the size of the school; the larger the school, the more difficult the music. At choir festivals, however, the groups enter 'novice,' 'intermediate,' or 'advanced' categories. Once a choir receives a "I" rating, it is supposed to advance to the next level at the following year's festival, but this was not happening on a uniform basis. So many choirs were entering the 'novice' class that the Michigan Schools Vocal Association decided to raise the difficulty level of the sight-reading."

On Saturday, March 20, the Middle School Choir – performing in Saline – received an overall second-division ranking in the 'novice' division. Individual judges gave the choir marks of "II," "II," and "III" for a "II" rating in performance, as well as a "III" in sight-reading.

The High School Choir also received an overall second-division ranking at their performance on March 24. Although the group had an excellent opportunity to prepare for the festival (the Music in Our Schools concert was the night before the District Festival), the sight-reading portion of the competition was difficult because some sections called for three-part harmony where unison work had been the norm. Individual judges gave the choir marks of "II," "II," and "II" for a two in performance, as well as a "III" in sight-reading.

Preparations were difficult this year because the High School's production of *Grease* was scheduled just after the festival, so Thompson-Barthwell wished to thank all the students and parents for their extra effort to get ready for the competition.

RHS Jazz Band Earns "I" Rating



Romulus High School band director Henry James (center) is justifiably proud of his Jazz Band students, including Nicole McKinney (left) and Rachael Parker.

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The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for scorekeepers for the remainder of the Adult Softball season, which lasts until August. Games are played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Scorekeepers are needed for 1 day or all 4 days. The pay rate is \$7.00 per game. Anyone interested should fill out an application in the Personnel Department at City Hall or contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852 for further information.

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Barth Raises \$3,600 for AHA



As the organizer of Barth Elementary's second annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event, physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak (right) helped students such as Sheila Reeves (left) and Amberlie Taylor raise \$3,600 for the American Heart Association.

RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 35 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of March.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen.

Parents in attendance were given an RMS "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Principal Ed Clark would like to congratulate the following Romulus Middle School "Students of the Month" for March.

March Students of the Month

Sheila Adams, Christopher Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Bianca Barrera, Kimberly Blankenship, Kenneth Booker, Brandon Brennan, Nicole Brennan, Shane Cameron, Donald Chapman, Christie Davis, Brendalee Finley, Tanya Formosa, Lauren Fox, Christina Fulton, Amanda Gervel, Jeffrey Hoffman, Chavon Jackson, Marcus Jackson, David Kettlewell, Lisa LeBlanc, Jennifer Lewallen, Sarah Lindroth, Kevin Martin, Tiffany McFarland, Patrick Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Michael Patrias, David Rogala, Michael Slone, Natasha Tao, Rye Theriot, Matthew Thiede, Molly Tuttle, and Shelly Yeramian. o



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for December.

RHS Students Honored

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 54 students to receive March's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School "Students of the Month" for March.

March Students of the Month

Shemeah Abraham, Keywon Arnold, Amber Barnes, Nicole Bauer, Lance Belcher, Shenoa Blake, Tomeka Boles, Nicole Bright, Alan Brohl, Oliver Buffington, Matthew Bunch, Ebitari Burutolu, Harrison Carter, Roger Chapman, William Chapman, Brandy Clark, Tammy Conway, Naketa Copeland, Jennifer Davis, Jeanne Estes, Timothy Flake, LaDonna Franklin, Syreeta Hammonds, Marcelly Hardeman, Stephen Harper, Jennifer Harper, Jeremy Hendricks, Heather Heughens, Shenelle Hodges, Nicole Johnson, Maricia Johnson, Christy Jones, David Jones, Jamie Jones, Danielle Judy, Jaspreet Kaur, Charles Kwek, Jason Linderman, Michael McNeil, Kim Minner, Michael Murphy, Jennifer Nieman, Jason Pan-

nell, Rachael Parker, Geoffrey Raphael, Joseph Reed, Wiley Simmons, Kristen Singer, Bridget Stephens, Darius Stirus, Charles Thompson, Jehiquita Tucker, Marvin Whitehead, Kristina Wojtowski, and Venecia Yharbrough.

Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to thank the following sponsors for being Romulus High School's partners in education for the month of March.

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Basketball League Was Big Success

"This shows what can happen when we work together!" said Romulus Board of Education Trustee and City of Romulus Recreation Director Debbie Dick, referring to the City/School-sponsored Romulus Recreation Basketball League. "Last year, we had 18 teams with three co-ed divisions; this year, we had 24 teams with five divisions (three for boys, two for girls). Over 250 children from grades three through 12 participated."

With the School District providing the facilities and the City providing the organizational support, the Romulus Recreation Basketball League began last December with a student sign-up and player draft. After their teams were picked, volunteer coaches began organizing team practices, which continued through January. Games were played in February and March at the Cory, Merriman, and Romulus Middle School gymnasiums on Monday and Tuesday evenings as well as Saturdays.

On Saturday, April 17, the season concluded with a playoff series to determine the champion of each division. They were: Liberty (elementary girls' division), the Ruff Ryders (middle-school girls' division), the Lakers (third- and fourth-grade boys' division), the Bulls (fifth- and sixth-grade boys' division), and the Huskies (middle- and high-school boys' division).

Other season highlights included an all-star game (April 24) and an awards banquet (May 6).

Dick expressed deep gratitude to the many enthusiastic parents who helped to make the season such a success.

"The parents played an important part in the league – acting as scorekeepers, practice supervisors,

and contact liaisons as well as morale-boosters," she explained. "We couldn't have done it without them."

Some Well-deserved Recognition

League Leaders – Elementary Girls: Shavon Bell, Monica Cox, Ariande Quarles, Ashley Sibby, Monique Solomon, Briana Whitehead, and Deana Whitehead.

League Leaders – Middle-school Girls: Debra Anderson, Keisha Cotton, Jamie Cox, Karrah Duncan, Dominique Kersey, Shaepree Lee, Jennifer Rivera, Lottie Stewart, and Rye Theriot.

League Leaders – Third- and Fourth-grade Boys: Mike Beinke, Dominique Buckley, Mike Darden, Roshad Glenn, Larry Horne, Justin Sledd, Jeremy Walker, and Shane Wells.

League Leaders – Fifth- and Sixth-grade Boys: Robert Anderson, Ronald Baker, Patrick Frison, Ahmad Gambles, Robbie Glenn, Aaron McCarthy, Shawn Perkins, Avery Stephenson, Dwight Talley, Anthony Tucker, Dante Williams, and LeRodd Williams.

League Leaders – Middle- and High-school Boys: Tommy Alexander, Ransom Butler, Bobby D'Andre, Georgean Garland, Shantez Gregory, James Jackson, Charles Jones, Charles Moseby, Jerome Nelson, Jimmy Pruitt, and Darryl Walker.

Volunteer Coaches: Audra Anderson, Robert Anderson, Ron Baker, Tim Dalton, Mike Darden, Theresa Gibson, Robbie Glenn, Felecia Gray, Troy Gray, Otha Green, Larry Horne, Bruce Jendritz, Cindy Jendritz, Ron Kersey, Steve Mask, Lewis Matos, Andrew Newton, Thomas Ross, Keith Sledd, Steve Smith, Willie Smith, Darnell Wells, Travis Whitehead, Don Williams, and Rod Williams. □



(From left) Jeremy Walker and Marcus Frison were teammates on the "Pistons," part of the Third- and Fourth-grade Boys' League.

Students Recognized for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students who made the honor-roll and/or perfect-attendance lists during the third marking period of the 1998-1999 school year.

Cory Elementary

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Eric Berger, *Chelsea Earby, Rebecca Hall, Kallie Harris, Thomas Slatinsky, Akara Stoval, Clara Windom.

Third Grade – Ms. Walker

Latiesha Burnett, *Melissa Cofield, Christopher Cole, Patrick Farkas, *Leah Lattimore, Marjorie Miskey, Jacob Pykor, Johnny Reid, *Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin, Darius Ross, *Kyle Sherwood.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Sarah Berger, Jason Burnett, Nicole Carroll, LaRhonda Colvin, Katelyn Crozier, Jeffrey DuFore, *Aleshia Fawthrop, James Hayes, Rebecca Labo, Nick Lewis, *Aurielle McCauley, Renea Sperry, Justin Wasiak, *Theresa Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Maurice Anderson, Yetunde Emanuel, Rashaunda Graham, Nicole Klages, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid, Justin Sledd, Eric Smith, Cherrelle Smith-Noyd, Mariay Watt.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Jessica Sears.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Lauren Belle, Carmen Coleman, *Doloris Garry, Cory Haynes, Alan Huguley, Brian Rodger, *Arlennea Savage.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Ayibitari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, *Megan Crozier, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Antonia Walker.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Kessler

*Monika Burgess, *Monica Cox, *Joshua Crozier, Brittany Johnson, Lavar Mingo, Carolyn Moore, Eric Noyd, Jodi Schultz, Trisha Sugalski, Cashara Wallace, Brandon Zahornacky.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Lindsay Allison, *Tiffany Block, Michael Broadnax, Matthew Carr, *Teela Carroll, Kevin Carter, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Ryan Cordle, Jeremiah Cross, Kevin DuFore, *Lauryn Farkas, Brandon Finley, Lloyd Fudge, Melissa Hubbard, Shonta Morgan, Dijon Piggee, Amanda Shaffer, *Daniel Shinn, Monique Solomon, Kimberly Tyra, Amanda Wasiak, Adrian Watson, *Kimberly Wilson, *Jacqueline Wood.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Camille Crawford, Brian Cummings, Chelsea Earby, Rebecca Hall, Stacy Harris, Christopher McGovern, Lawrence Nastal, Thomas Slatinsky, Clara Windom.

Third Grade – Ms. Walker

Rachia Bohannon, Latiesha Burnett,

Melissa Cofield, Christopher Cole, Grant DuPrie, Patrick Farkas, Kassie Gray, Roger Groce, Cory Hensley, Cameron Jackson, Alan Jones, Briana King, Leah Lattimore, Douglas Lawrence, Marjorie Miskey, Alecia Morgan, Kandice Penn, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin, Darius Ross, Kyle Sherwood, Leroy Talley, Aisha Watkins.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Ayla Bauer, Sarah Berger, Nicole Carroll, LaRhonda Colvin, Katelyn Crozier, Aleshia Fawthrop, Amanda Kurzyniec, Rebecca LaBo, Aurielle McCulley, AleSandra Smith, Renea Sperry, Vanessa Villarreal, Theresa Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Maurice Anderson, Wendy Baber, Roderick Brown, Courtney Chaney, Amber Cruce, Angelica Cummings, Bennie Dickerson, Yetunde Emmanuel, Demetrious Fowler, Rashaunda Graham, Antionice Hearst, Nicole Klages, Shane Lowery, LaRhonda Newton, Jessica Paré, Kirk Patterson, Tiffany Penn, Eric Smith, Bethany Strain, Heather VanBuren, Mariay Watt.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Chris Avery, Ryan Barnes, Angelica Crawford, Danna Fennoy, Christina Gavin, Clarence Hearst, Kourney Lester, Richard Reaume, Jessica Sears, Erin Strain.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Lauren Belle, Sammantha Chapman, Tiffany Claiborne, Darrell Cofield, Carmen Coleman, Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Bridgette Hawes, Jessica Moore, Michelle Oliver, Brian Rodger, Arlenea Savage, Stephanie Schultz, Sarah Smith, Miranda Ward.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Alan Boiler, Chanissa Burnett, Ayibitari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, Elvis Celske, Megan Crozier, Carl Gillespie, Anthony Glimps, Anthony Groce, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Nathan Samuels, Antonia Walker, Sherika Wester.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Kessler

Stacey Cribbs, Brandy Jackson, Brittany Johnson, Jessica LaBo, Carolyn Moore, Noelle Polianchick, Michael Sanders, Jodi Schultz, Trisha Sugalski, Brandon Zahornacky.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Chris Adams, Lindsay Allison, Tiffany Block, Michael Broadnax, Matthew Carr, Teela Carroll, Kevin Carter, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Ryan Cordle, Jeremiah Cross, Ronnis Cushman, Joey Ditsch, Kevin DuFore, Lauryn Farkas, Brandon Finley, Lloyd Fudge, Jason Gibson, Wayne Gilbert, Anitra Glimps, Chris Green, Keith Holman, Melissa Hubbard, Precious Jewell, Shonta Morgan, Dijon Piggee, Amanda Shaffer, Danny Shinn, Monique Solomon, Kimberly Tyra, Amanda Wasiak, Adrian Watson, Kimberly Wilson, Jacqueline Wood.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Ms. McCabe

Kyra Crawford, Ashley Cribbs, Tiffany Cummings.

Kindergarten "B" – Ms. McCabe

Zachary Curry, Briana Glenn, Brit-tany Glenn, Dylan Parrott.

First Grade – Ms. Barrs

Chyna Bennett, Catherine Bratcher, Emmanuel Sanders.

First Grade – Ms. Cristini

Jonathan Carr, Motunrola Emanuel.

First Grade – Ms. Watson

Kyle Horr, Tabien Roberts, Amber Sears.

Second Grade – Ms. Baluk

Leon Baber, Tabitha Canterbury, Meriah Chapman, Christina Gillespie, Alex Modzynski, Dominique Ross, James Wells, India Williams.

Second Grade – Ms. Giles

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, Pierre Lee, Jeremy Neal, Jordan Reavis, Ryan Schutter, Megan Watson.

Second Grade – Ms. Radovic

Shannon Bratcher, Brittany Bullard, Jessica Cronk, Melissa DuFore, Abiola Emanuel, Ronald Kersey, Nigerra Simpson, Tyler Slone.

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Chelsea Earby, Kallie Harris, Ryan Samuels, Clara Windom.

Third Grade – Ms. Walker

Calvin Crawford, Cameron Jackson, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Nicole Carroll, LaRhonda Colvin, Marissa Cronk, Aurielle McCauley.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Angelica Cummings, Antionice Hearst, Kirk Patterson, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Tyjuana Fowler, Richard Reaume.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Cory Haynes, Arlenea Savage.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Alan Boiler, Charissa Burnett, Tama-

ra Carney, Jeffrey Kurzyniec.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Kessler

Robert Crawford, Martino Fowler, Keith Haynes.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Michael Broadnax, Chrystal Coleman, Lloyd Fudge, Keith Holman, Melissa Hubbard, Adrian Watson, Kimberly Wilson.

Halecreek Elementary

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received recognition for "high honors.")

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Slater

Kathryn Appel, Bethany Brink, Ryan Goforth, Samina Haq, Jeremy Hollis, Shannon Kowalski, *Jennifer Lammers, Jonathan McLachlan, *Kelsi Milam, Joanna Morgan, Britney Stephens, *Kevin Stockton, Diana Thompson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss

*Amanda Bailey, Brian DeMoisey, Katie Drayton, Mario Edwards, Riva Inman, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Cory Mortzfield, Michelle Nelson, *Brandon Ross, Ashley Wells.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Coleman

Ashley Allen, Don Brewer, Carol Deaton, LaRiche Jones, Candace Lawrence, *Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, *Lindsey Sharp, LaShonda Windham.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Miller

Allison Bruckner, Jeff Conradson, *Muneer Khan, Samantha Lipkowski, Amanda McCann, Mark McGlynn, David Nawrocki, Anastasia Strother, *Joanne Tieppo, *Miah Wade.

(Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honor-roll and perfect-attendance information from any school where Romulus children are enrolled. Honor-roll/perfect-attendance lists can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, Michigan 48174-0038, or faxed to us at 734-941-4874. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, Editor, at 734-941-1907.) □

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Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all of our buildings. Considering the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in our buildings.

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We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this problem reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Willard M. Bower, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations
Romulus Community Schools

Romulus Boys & Girls Club Hosts "Family Fun Night"



At the Romulus Boys & Girls Club's "Family Fun Night" – held April 15 at Merriman Elementary – students like (from left) Monae Drouillard, Diandre Thomas, and Joseph Brymer played pool and many other games. More than 150 young people belong to the club, where they can participate in "fun sessions," games, physical-education activities, crafts, and homework-help sessions in a clean, safe, enjoyable environment under the supervision of Frank Rigger, director, and his professional staff.



Also in attendance were Club Board of Directors members (from left) Reverend Rita Talley, Michael Woods, and Alfaye Woods.



Among the evening's highlights was the presentation of a "Volunteer Service Award" to John Juriga, Romulus Middle School teacher, and a "Host-school Cooperation Award" to Shelley Moore, the principal at Merriman Elementary School.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 22, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 22, 1999, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/99/10 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/99/11 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of March 8, 1999, with the following correction: Under "Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members," member Bette M. Lenossi read for "Dr. Seuss, Reading Across America" at Halecreek Elementary School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Lobbyist's Presentation

Mr. Dennis Cawthorne, attorney for the firm of Kelly, Cawthorne and Rolls, was present to update the Board of Education on Lansing "doings." He also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Personnel Actions

None.

Bills for Payment

3/99/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip – Toledo

3/99/13 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the eighth-grade science classes' field trip to the University of Toledo as described in the attached. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wick Playground Equipment

3/99/14 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education authorize matching funds for the purchase of playground equipment for Wick School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Class-size Report

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, provided the Board of Education with an in-depth class-size report and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

National TV-Turnoff Week

3/99/15 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution in support of National TV-Turnoff Week, April 22–28, 1999. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESA Designation of Elector

3/99/16 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to appoint Kenneth E. Berlinn to represent the Romulus Community Schools to vote for two positions on the RESA Board. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Article – Defamation Case, and 2) Alumni – Bergman Resignation.

3/99/17 Moved by Dick supported by Webb that the Board adopt a Resolution of "Thanks" for Marge Bergman in recognition of all her work on behalf of the Alumni Association. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Bette Lenossi complimented the folks who put on the Romulus Alumni Dinner.

Mrs. Debbie Dick requested that letters of recognition be sent to the wrestling and basketball teams. She also asked what schools children from the new subdivisions would attend and the number of snow days we have to make up.

Mr. Howard Kesner and Mr. Kenneth Berlinn asked how athletes can participate in sports if they have less than a 2.0 grade-point average. Mr. Berlinn also commented on Cawthorne's visit and the WCRESA Dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/99/18 Moved by Dick supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll-call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:06 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:44 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/99/19 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education



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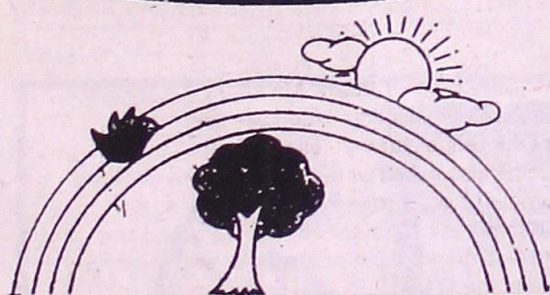
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)
Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of May: Noel Baker, Phyllis Brumbaugh, Jodi Dickason, Lola Diebel, Virgie Hood, Rummie Mayle, Dorothy Noland, William Noland, Verna Norris, Lewis Odom, Helen Rounke, and David Svacha.

Free Blood-pressure Screening and Hypertension Seminar

You need not be a resident of the Romulus Tower (located at 36500 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) to attend a blood-pressure screening and hypertension seminar that will be held Monday, May 17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dawn Gramza, R.N., of the Visiting Nurse Association.

The event is free to seniors age 62 and over.

For more information, please call Audry Moomaw, Romulus Tower Manager, at 734-942-1230.

Health Screening for Seniors

The Medical Team, a certified home health agency, has scheduled a health-screening program at Romulus Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 17. There is no charge for the screening for people age 60 and older (although voluntary donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the program); persons 50 to 59 years of age also are welcome, but must pay lab- and blood-work costs.

The screening will include:

- vital-signs/blood-pressure check,
- blood-sugar test,
- cholesterol test,
- vision/glaucoma check,
- hearing check,
- tuberculosis skin test,
- breast/testicular self-examination instruction, and
- information on immunizations.

Screening participants are asked to bring the name of their physician and any relevant health-history information. Services are funded under the Older Americans Act and the Older Michiganians Act, and are provided to seniors without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or handicap.

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at an upcoming Legal Aid clinic, to be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, May 19. No appointment is necessary; seniors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9:30 a.m. Everyone (limit: 25 people) signed up by 10:30 a.m. will be seen. For information, call 313-964-5310.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace).

"Senior Appreciation" Picnic

The Romulus Senior Center's annual "Senior Appreciation" Picnic will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, at Elmer Johnson Park (sunshine site) or the Senior Center (rain site).

Among the guests joining seniors for a day of food, fun and games, and fellowship will be Romulus Middle School "Leadership" instructor Betty Santo and several of her students.

This event is free to local senior citizens, but advance registration is required to insure that enough food will be prepared for everyone. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Tulip Festival (Holland, Michigan)** (May 14; \$62)
- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)** (July 18-25; \$699)
- **African Lion Safari (Cambridge, Ontario)** (July 23; \$59)
- **Uncle Tom's Cabin (Dresden, Ontario)** (September 15; \$50)
- **Branson & Eureka Springs** (September 19-25; \$699)
- **"Mystery Tour"** (October 5; \$55)
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May scrambler

Unscramble the letters below to learn some unusual facts about May.

1. When early Romans celebrated around the Maypole, they considered the I N E P E T E R sacred, and always included it in their celebration.

2. In certain parts of the world, the first of May is known as B A L R O Day.

3. The American who discovered the North Pole was born on May 6, 1856. His name was E O R T R B R P A Y E.

4. May Day usually is a day set aside to welcome N R S G P I.

5. If you wear a colored carnation on Mother's Day it signifies that your own mother is I L A E V.

6. The original Memorial Day in 1868 was named to decorate the graves of the R E N O T N R H soldiers who had died in the I L C I V War.

Since then, Memorial Day has become a day to honor all Americans from every war.

7. In Japan, spring is the time of special children's E V F A I T L S S.

8. The C E H P A symbolizes a happy marriage in Japan.

9. North America has about fifteen species of this plant. Its name means "Triple," because the petals, leaves, and inner blossom parts usually grow in groups of three. The plant is a wild L I T M U I R L.

1. Pine tree 2. Labor 3. Robert Peary 4. Spring 5. Alive 6. Northern, Civil 7. Festivals 8. Peach 9. Trillium

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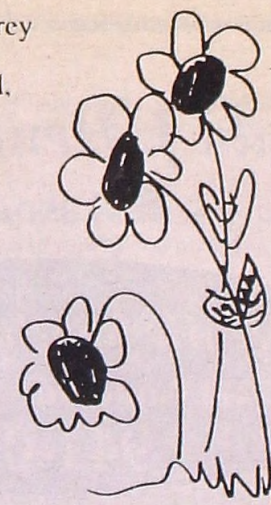
May flowers

by Sharon L. Awrey

Pushing through some crusted sand,
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Happy for the April rains,
and no more winter fears.

It reaches for warm sun rays,
and skies of crystal blue —
A warming earth breaks open,
with drops of crystal dew.

The petals slowly open,
and flowers soon appear —
perfumed wind gusts haunt the air,
this special time of year!



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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The Stork Arrived

Alanna Kristine Clark

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Alanna Kristine Clark, are Chad and Davida Clark of Great Lake, Illinois (formerly of Romulus, MI).

Born on Tuesday, March 23, 1999, Alanna weighed in at seven pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were her big sister, Alyssa Nicole; her paternal grandparents, Jon and Debbie Clark (Romulus, MI); and her maternal grandparents, Dave and Libby Martinez (Chesaning, MI).

Jazzmin Marie Long

George and Tori Long of Ypsilanti, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Jazzmin Marie Long.

Born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 4:54 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, 1999, Jazzmin weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 19½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were her big brother, George-eddie, and her big sisters, Jamica and Brittney. In fact, Jazzmin's name was chosen by Jamica, who knew that the baby was a girl throughout her mother's pregnancy, and kept it a very special secret.

Jazzmin's paternal grandparents are George and Dorothy Long (Romulus, MI); Nancy Rosentreter and Ken



Jazzmin Marie Long

Norris (Belleville, MI) are her maternal grandparents. □

Obituaries

Dorothy Anne (Wheelock) Hamel

Dorothy Anne (Wheelock) Hamel of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, died on Saturday, April 24, 1999.

Born June 10, 1924, Dorothy was 74 at the time of her death.

She is survived by two sons, Bruce F. (and his wife Midge) Hamel and Edward A. (and his wife Janet) Hamel; one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Sharlyn) Smith; one brother, John Wheelock; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

dren. Her husband, Edward M. Hamel, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Frances M. (Antaya) Trudell

Frances M. (Antaya) Trudell of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at the age of 93.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, the Saunders Company retiree was born January 16, 1906. She and her husband, the late Percy Trudell, were married on November 27, 1906.

Frances is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Marilyn) Ward; a son, James (and his wife Sandra) Trudell;

eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by eight sisters.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 16, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

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